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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL SHEET PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Docket No.

JG-TT-4854C-2

Applicant(s):

Osamu SESHIMOTO and Kenidieo YAZAWA

Serial No.:

09/642.528

Filed:

August 18, 2000

For:

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Group:

1723

Examiner:

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- 21 pages of Specification, 2 pages of Claims (# of claims 9) & Abstract; 1. [X]
- Figs. 1 8 / Five (5) sheet(s) of Drawings (35 USC 113); 2. [X]
- Declaration and Power of Attorney' 3. [X]

Newly executed (original or copy)

Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)). [X] b.

- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying [X] 4. application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Preliminary Amendment TO FOLLOW LATER 5. []
- 6. Cancel claims []

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Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired. []

- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 [] 7. Including copies of IDS citations (refs.)
- Certified Copy(ies) of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) were filed in the [X] 8. parent application Serial No. 09/287,424

| Country: | JAPAN | Number: | 10-099426 | Date: | April 10, 1998 |
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- [X] 9. Other: Change of Firm's Name and Address
- If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below [X] 10. and in a preliminary amendment:

[] Divisional [X] Continuation of prior application No. 09/642,528

Prior application information: Examiner .D. Sorkin Group: 1723

- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a continuation of [X] 11. application serial no. 09/642,528, filed August 13, 2000, which in turn, is a continuation of application serial no. 09/287,424, filed April 7, 1999.
- Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized) [X] 12.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-mentioned fees associated [X] 13. with the filing of this paper and any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.
 - Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal dated February 28, 2003.

A 1.53(b) Continuation is filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 1,450.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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CHANGE OF FIRM'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Sir:

This is to advise that the Domestic Representative of record has changed its name and moved its offices to a new address. All future communications in connection with the above-identified application should be directed to the undersigned attorney at the following address:

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